
BRIDGE ACROSS WHITE RIVER AT OR NEAR ST.
CHARLES, ARK.

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 20), 1925.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11703]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11703) granting the consent of Congress to G. B. Deane, of St. Charles, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the White River at or near the city of St. Charles, in the county of Arkansas, in the State of Arkansas, having considered the same, report favorably thereon and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 23, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 11703, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to G. B. Deane, of St. Charles, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the White River, at or near the city of St. Charles, in the county of Arkansas, in the State of Arkansas.

As the navigable portions of the White River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 23, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19 inclosing a copy of H. R. 11703 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize G. B. Deane, of St. Charles, Ark., his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches across the White River at or near the city of St. Charles, Arkansas County, State of Arkansas. This undoubtedly would be a toll bridge. The site indicated for the location of this bridge is on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for Arkansas, and a Federal-aid project has been constructed with its easterly terminus very near to the proposed crossing of the river. The department, therefore, would very much regret to see a toll bridge constructed at this point.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*